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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor : Jerome P. Ranch
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Title : Methods for Transforming Immature Maize Embryos

Group/Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Kallis, Russell

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of October 1, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-13, 25-26, 28-30, 35-37, 49-50, 52-61
- II. Claims 1, 3, 7-10, 14-25, 27, 31-34, 38-49, 51, 55, 58 and 62.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-13, 25-26, 28-30, 35-37, 49-50, 52-61.) The Examiner has stated that upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), claims 1, 25, 49, 55, and 58, the restriction requirement shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application.

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It is not believed that an extension of time or fees are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of the paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.

16-1852.

Respectfully submitted,



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